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Campaign for British withdrawal

Over the course of the last ten years the British government, with the assistance of their allies in Ireland, have largely succeeded in neutralising the demand for Irish self-determination and independence.

This success has been achieved on the back of an almost forty-year long political and military counter-insurgency strategy.

To recognise this reality is to be neither pessimistic or defeatist. Indeed, recognition of this fact is a vital first step in rebuilding resistance to British rule Ireland.

éirígí believes that the building a mass movement for the restoration Irish democracy and independence represents the most effective way to oppose British imperialism in Ireland today.

Such a social movement should seek to move beyond traditional political parties and incorporate the trade unions, community and cultural groups as well as non-aligned individuals. éirígí is committed to playing a full role in such a movement and is as its first major contribution to same is launching its own campaign for a British withdrawal from the six counties.

The first element of this campaign, a new information leaflet, is currently being distributed across the country. The leaflet, the cover of which is displayed on the right, seeks to highlight the true nature of Britain's role in Ireland.

Topics covered within the leaflet include the existence of a 'permanent garrison' of five thousand British combat troops in Ireland, the role of the nine thousand strong armed militia currently known as the PSNI and the inherently undemocratic nature of the 'unionist veto'.

It is only through drawing attention to these oft glossed over facts that it becomes possible to expose the sad reality that the partition of Ireland and Britain's occupation of the six counties are now more secure then they were a decade ago.

It is only by acknowledging this reality that a new generation of resistance to British rule can be developed.

The full leaflet can be seen on the éirígí website at www.eirigi.org. Hard copies can be accessed by e-mailing info@eirigi.org or by phoning (00 353) 086 236 7298

Other element of the éirígí campaign for British withdrawal will be rolled out over the coming weeks and months.

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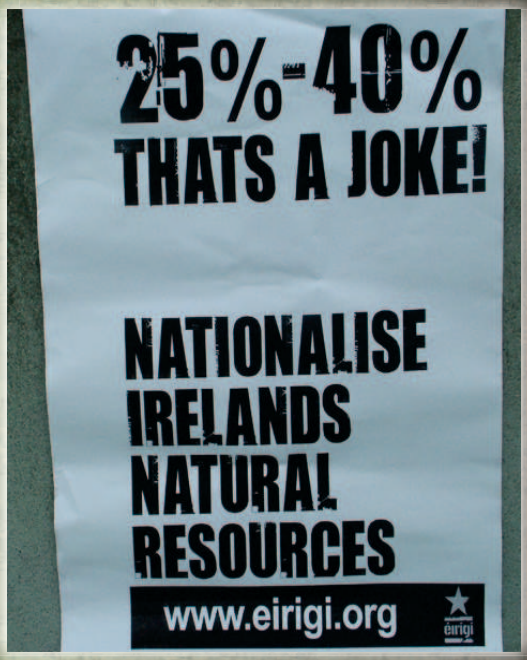
The occupation continues

Campaign updates

éirígí campaigns update

éirígí brands corporation tax move 'a joke'



eirigi activists were on-hand to confront twenty-six county Minister for Energy and Natural Resources, Eamonn Ryan, as he briefed the media on the recent, and much hyped, changes in the rates of tax paid by the energy companies that control Ireland's oil and gas reserves.

Ryan's hopes of having a 'good news' day were left in tatters as he was confronted by a number of activists carrying placards branding his initiative a 'joke'. Copies of eirigi's 'Bord Gáis' leaflet were also given to Ryan and all of the attendant journalists.
The move comes after years of intensive campaigning to highlight the criminal government give-away of Ireland's oil and gas reserves.

Speaking after Ryan's press briefing éirígí spokesperson Daithi Mac an Mhaistir attacked the latest manoeuvre as a 'cynical gesture, aimed at appeasing public opinion just enough to kill the issue, or so they hope.'

He continued 'The sad truth is that the increase in the rate of tax to be paid by the energy companies is marginal in the extreme. Only the most successful explorations will have to pay the top rate of 40%. This compares very poorly to international rates. In Norway, for example, those same companies could expect to pay closer to 70%.'

'Eamonn Ryan has missed a golden opportunity here to safeguard Ireland's energy requirements for the coming decades. The only reason the government has made even this very limited move is due to to the stand taken by groups and individuals across the country. The people of Rossport, Co. Mayo and their supporters across Ireland deserve particular credit in this regard.'

Daithi re-iterated éirígí's call for the full nationalisation of Ireland's oil and gas reserves. 'In its press release today, the department acknowledges that Ireland's oil and gas reserves are the property of the people of Ireland. It also states that the Government (sic) acts as caretakers/owners of these reserves on behalf of the people. Surely the logical conclusion from this analysis is for those same reserves to be taken into public ownership.'

Justice for Noel Maguire

éirígí activists joined in the latest solidarity picket for Noel Maguire on Saturday, July 21st.

The demonstration, the latest in a series of similar events, took place outside of the GPO on Dublin's O'Connell Street.

Noel Maguire, who is the last remaining republican prisoner in England, is being denied his right to repatriation to hisplace of origin despite this right being guaranteed under European law.

As Operation Banner ends the military occupation continues

Permanent British Army barracks

10 PERMANENT BASES

Abercorn Barracks, Ballykinler

Balykinler Training Camp

Duke of Connaught's Unit, Belfast

Massereene Barracks, Antrim

Palace Barracks, Hollywood

Aldergrove

Divis Key Point (Divis Mountain)

Kinnegar, Hollywood

Magilligan Training Camp

Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn

Britains permanent garrison in Ireland will contain 5000 soldiers.

FACT

The British army will retain 10 permanent bases in the occupied six-counties.

FACT

The ratio of British soldiers to civillians in Iraq is 1:4900.
In Afghanistan it is 1:4600.
In the occupied Ireland is 1:370.

FACT

Temporary emergency powers granting the British army the authority to stop and search and raid premises have been made permanent

FACT

éirígí expansion continues

éirígí has continued to expand both its campaigning activities and it membership base over the summer months.
éirígí chairperson Brian Leeson has described the continued growth of the party as 'steady and deeply encouraging'.

'When we took the decision to become a political party back in May there were some concerns that it might have a negative impact on our campaigning activities. These concerns, it now appears, were without foundation. Indeed our political party status has played a significant role in attracting additional new members to eirigi.'

Over the course of the summer months éirígí activists have continued their involvement in the campaign for the nationalisation of Ireland's oil and gas reserves and to end Irish complicity in imperialist wars. In addition éirígí has lent its support to the campaign to have Noel Maguire repatriated to Ireland and for justice for Roisin McAliskey.
Now as the summer comes to an end éirígí has commenced the roll-out of its campaign for a British withdrawal.

Commenting on the expansion of the party's campaigning activities Brian continued 'The fact that we have been able to increase the number of campaigns that we are involved in over the last couple of months is testament to the growing number of members and supporters who are making themselves available to the party for work. That this expansion is now occurring outside of Dublin, and in the six counties in particular, is a cause for further optimism.'

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'However, we do need more support, and I would encourage anyone who is interested in our project to contact us.
No matter how small the contribution people feel they can make, it will be much appreciated'.

Yes, I would like to to join/help éirígí.

Name/Ainm.....

Address/Seoladh.....

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Telephone/Fón.....

E-mail/R-Phost.....

Age/Aois.....

Please return to éirígí PO Box 10769, Dublin 6

UPCOMING EVENTS

Justice for anti-war activists

éirígí will be holding a fundraiser for our three activists arrested outside Stormont on Tuesday 8 May during a protest against the visit of war criminal Tony Blair. The event will be held on Sunday 5th August, in the Phoenix Bar, Dalymount stadium, Phibsboro, Dublin 7.
Tickets €10 on the door

Anti- Racism World Cup

Teams from Cuba, The Congo, The Basque country, Palestine, Italy, England, Catalonia, Kurdistan and Germany as well as local Irish teams from various ethnic and racial backgrounds will participate in the 2007 Anti-Racism World Cup, held in West Belfast, and we are encouraging every one to come out and give their support and a warm welcome at the football tournament on Saturday August 4 at 2pm.

Cork Shell to Sea Public Meeting

The Cork branch of Shell to Sea are hosting a talk by John Monaghan in the Gresham Metropole on McCurtain street, Cork at 8pm on Wednesday August 8.

Belfast Anarchist Bookfair

Dates of the Belfast Anarchist Bookfair have changed to Friday August 31 from 7pm until 10pm and Saturday September 1 from 11pm until 7pm. Hosted by the Just Books Collective and Organise! in the Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre., 45/47 Donegall Street (beside the John Hewitt Bar) in the city centre.

Alternative Process

Can the goals of an independent Socialist Ireland be attained through the Good Friday Agreement or is an alternative process needed?

Panel Discussion, upstairs, An Culturlann, Falls Road, Belfast Saturday August 18, 1PM